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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
INVENTORY

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Allegany</b> TOWN <b>Cumberland</b> VICINITY STREET NO. <b>Centre at Market Street</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		2. NAME <b>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1849</b> STYLE <b>Ionic</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
A LOG structure, known as St. Mary's Church, a forerunner of the present edifice, was built on the site of Carroll Hall in 1791, under the guidance of Rev. Demetrius Gallitzin after the parish was founded a year previously by missionary priests.  First resident pastor Rev. James Redmond came in 1819. Father Obermeyer assumed his duties in 1841 and remained a decade.  1849--Construction began; completed in 1851, while Rev. Leonard A. Obermeyer was pastor.  IONIC architecture with imposing white pillars.  1858--Rev. Edward Brennan, a native of Ireland, was pastor for 26 years from 1858. During his pastorate the rectory was built and the church spire constructed. He organized St. Patrick's school.  1898--Monsignor Edward J. Wunder came; remained 28 years. During his stay he had the church "so beautiful that it was regarded by very competent critics as an artistic triumph". Improvements included a baptistry, marble altar rail, three new marble alters, two side chapels and a new sanctuary. St. Mary's Church, Oldtown Road, was accomplished during his pastorate. CARROLL HALL also constructed during his years of service.  1947--Church redecorated and improvement started on St. Patrick's School.  1966--Before this date, heating system was renewed.		OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>yes</b>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered Interior Beautiful Exterior Excellent	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b>Parish Brochure--1967/68</b> <b>Baltimore Catholic Review--</b> <b>Research--Pauline McEvoy, Mem.</b> <b>MHT Committee--Allegany Co.</b>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman</b> <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b> <b>Sec. Preservation Society</b> <b>Allegany County, Md.</b> DATE OF RECORD <b>Oct. 1, 1970</b>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1969--Organ rebuilt (\$26,000)

Altar rail taken out

Interior painted and carpeted.

Large picture of the crucifixion, over the main altar,  
lowered.

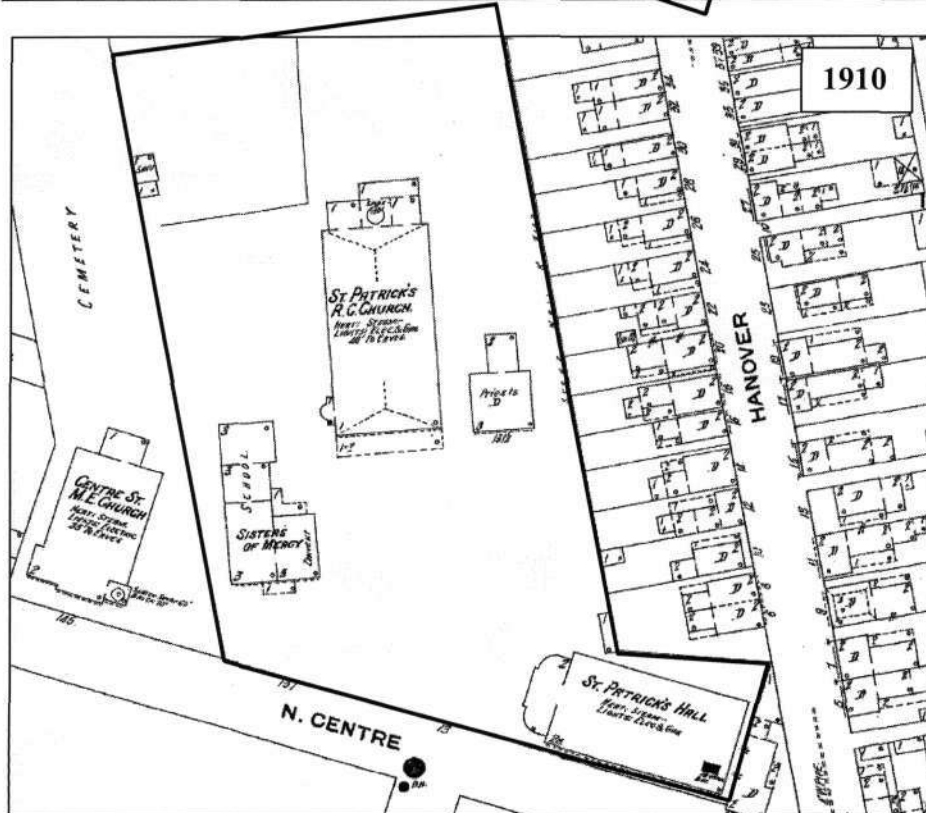
New pews and altar installed.

Door cut on rectory side.

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About three years ago, the old iron fence and gates were  
removed and a low brick wall erected in memory of Leo Costello,  
by his family.

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## Sanborn Maps

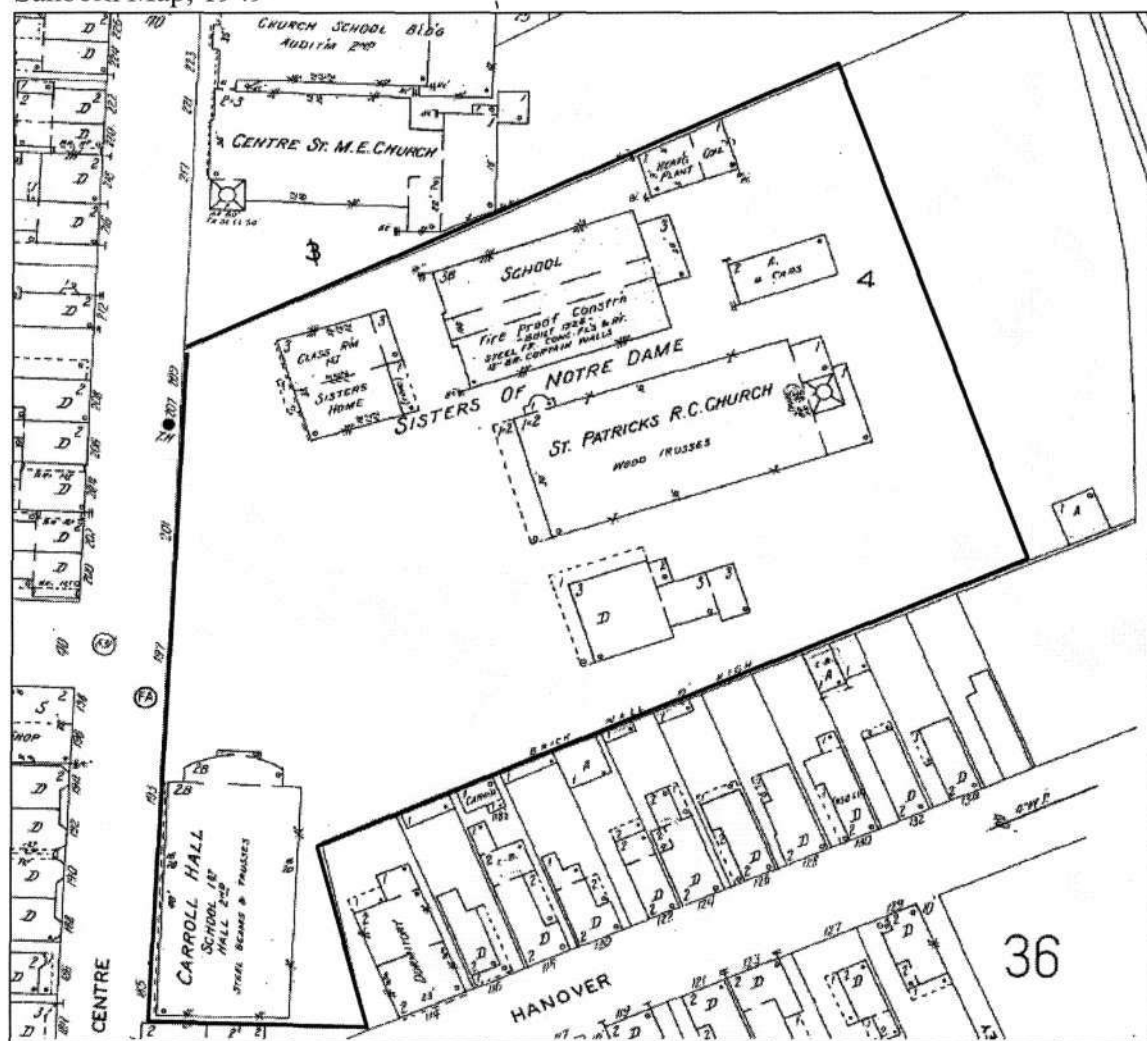


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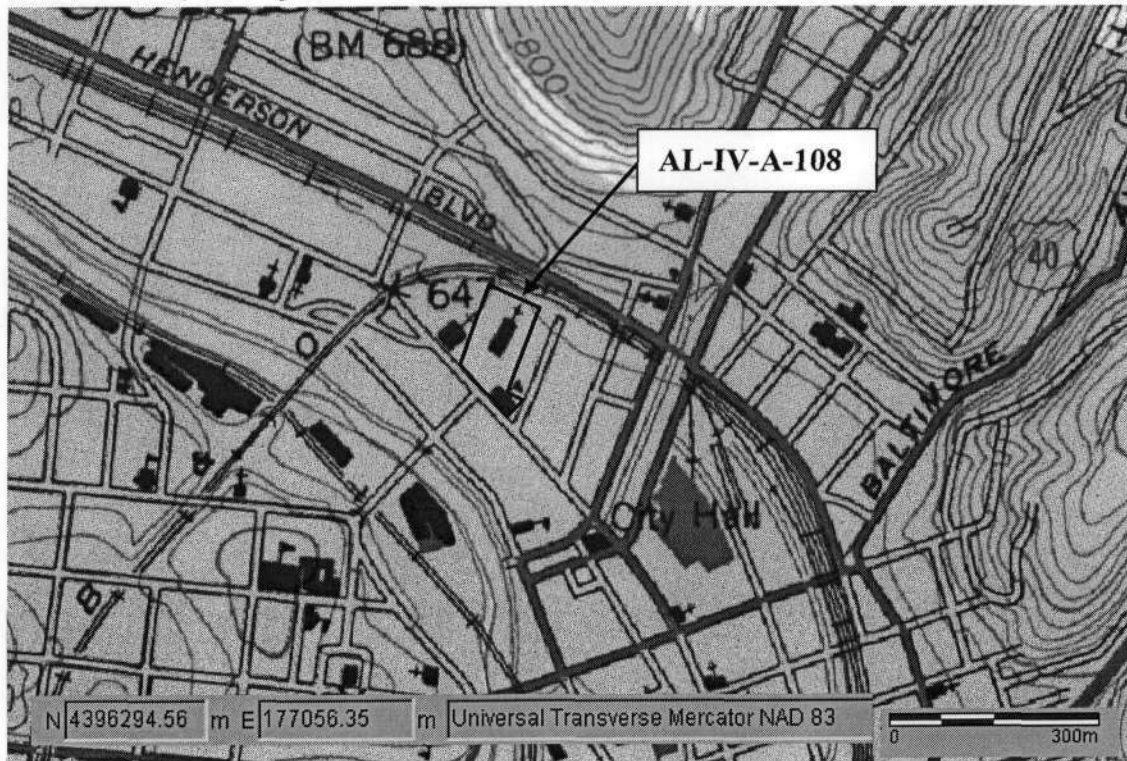
St. Patrick's Catholic Church

201 N. Centre Street

Sanborn Map, 1949



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St. Patrick's Catholic Church (Church of St. Patrick)  
201 N. Centre Street  
Cumberland Quadrangle



1994-95 Aerial Photo with church property





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